

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. The present Amendment amends Claims 1-21. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to because of informalities; Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; and Claims 1-21 were noted as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in the claims.

In response to the objection to Abstract of the Disclosure because of informalities, the Abstract of the Disclosure is amended to correct the cited informalities. Specifically, the first paragraph has been deleted so that only one paragraph remains and instances of legal phraseology such as “comprising” and “means” were removed. Accordingly, the grounds for the objection are believed to have been overcome. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claim 1 is amended to correct the noted informalities. Specifically, amended Claim 1 now clearly recites “*said function basis* being parameterized” thereby removing any confusion about what is being parameterized. This feature finds non-limiting support in the originally filed application, for example at page 23, lines 9-26. In view of this amendment, independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-

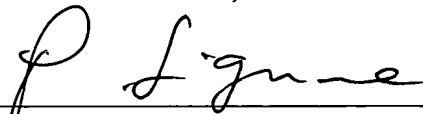
21 are definite and no further rejection on that basis is anticipated. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually acceptable language. The present Amendment also deletes the reference numerals from the claims and replaces "characterized in that" by "wherein" to better comply with U.S. claim drafting practice.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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